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SUBJECT: JUMBLATT VISITS LONDON

1. LEBANESE POLITICIAN WALID JUMBLATT VISITED THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR TWO DAYS ENDING JUNE 15. ACCORDING TO FCO (POWELL), ONE OF HIS OBJECTIVES WAS TO STRENGTHEN HIS RELATIONS WITH THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY. HE TOLD THE BRITISH THAT HE OBJECTED TO BRITISH ARMS SALES (SALADIN ARMORED CARS) TO THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES BECAUSE SUCH ITEMS WIND UP IN THE HANDS OF THE CHRISTIAN MILITIAS. ACCORDING TO POWELL, JUMBLATT SHORTENED HIS VISIT HERE BY ONE DAY, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF THE MOST RECENT INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN LEBANON.

2. ACCORDING TO AN INTERVIEW HE GAVE THE LONDON TIMES, APPEARING JUNE 15, JUMBLATT ADDED THAT HE HOPED TO RETURN TO LONDON IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS RENEWING THE APPLICATION OF HIS PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY TO JOIN THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.

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